

Att'y Dkt. No. US-1310

U.S. App. No.: 09/926,299

REMARKS

The present amendment is a correction of an obvious typographical error. The present amendment changes nucleotide 597 to 623, which is clearly the appropriate correction since the description, in the same paragraph, teaches that the "replacement of the 118-histidine residue with a tyrosine" and "replacement of C...with T". The 118-histidine residue corresponds with nucleotide 623, and not nucleotide 597, therefore, the mistake was clear. Applicants submit that no new matter has been entered.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration, examination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the patent examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, they are invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted immediately.

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